CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2009-____

RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. 97-105 CITY OF BAKERSFIELD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT NO. 2 KERN COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter Central Valley Water Board) finds that:

- 1. The City of Bakersfield (hereafter Discharger) operates Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2 (WWTP No. 2) that serves the incorporated and unincorporated areas of central, east, northeast, and southeast Bakersfield that are generally east of Highway 99. WWTP No. 2 is west of Mt. Vernon Avenue, about 2.5-miles south of State Route 58, and about 2 miles north of Panama Lane in the southeastern quadrant of Section 9, Township 30 S, Range 28 East, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian, Kern County. Discharge is to nine storage ponds with a capacity of about 6,190 acre feet, or to irrigate about 5,476 acres of feed and fodder crops.
- 2. On 20 June 1997, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 97-104, to regulate the discharge of up to 19 million gallons per day (mgd) of secondary treated wastewater from the WWTF to land. The Regional Water Board also adopted on the same day Cease and Desist Order (CDO) 97-105 to impose a time schedule for the Discharger to expand WWTP No. 2 and become compliant with effluent limits.
- 3. The CDO required the Discharger to complete expansion of WWTP No. 2; submit monthly progress reports; and comply with effluent limits following expansion. The Discharger completed all tasks identified in the CDO.
- 4. The Discharger and interested agencies and persons were notified of the intent to consider rescission of the CDO and provided an opportunity for public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
- 5. The issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.), in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15321.
- 6. Any person adversely affected by this action of the Regional Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to review the action. The petition must be received by the State Board Office of the Chief Counsel, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA, 95812-0100, within 30 days of the date on which the action was taken. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions will be provided on request.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Cease and Desist Order No. 97-105 is rescinded.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 10 December 2009.

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer